

Criteria for Identifying IPY 2007-2008 Activities (covering science, feasibility, data, outreach and education)

The expression of intent is expected to demonstrate that the project will meet the following criteria (taken from the IPY 2007-2008 objectives and characteristics). It is recognised, however, that in some cases not all criteria can be met, especially at this preliminary stage. In these cases the proposer(s) must explain why specific criteria are not met.

The criteria for identification of an IPY project are that it:

1. Makes significant advances within one or more IPY 2007-2008 themes
2. Involves at least one polar region and takes place within the IPY 2007-2008 timeframe
3. Contributes to international collaboration
4. Presents a viable management plan and organizational structure, including a time line when commitments (funding, logistic etc) can be expected
5. Presents a viable approach for securing funding
6. Proposes a viable plan for securing appropriate logistical support
7. Signs up to the principles and aims of IPY 2007-2008 data management and proposes a viable data management plan
8. Proposes a viable plan or approach for education, outreach and communication activities
9. Shows how it will foster the next generation of polar researchers

Some additional criteria that add further value are:

1. Includes nations not traditionally involved in polar research.
2. Provides the opportunity for a legacy of infrastructure (observation sites, facilities, systems).
3. Builds on existing plans, programmes or initiatives or at least does not conflict with them.
4. Has interdisciplinary elements.
5. Is "endorsed" by one or more IPY 2007-2008 National Committees.